



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: July 23, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**

Recommendation:

Approve resolution recognizing the month of September 2013 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Minneapolis. Approval will allow MNDOT to move forward with the request of the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance to light the 35W Bridge in recognition of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information:

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Approved by: _____

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Ben Hecker

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Supporting Information

The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance is planning a number of events in September 2013 to raise awareness about the prevalence of ovarian cancer, and to educate women and doctors of the symptoms of this disease. This resolution would recognize September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Minneapolis. Such a resolution is necessary to allow the Minnesota Department of Transportation to move forward on approving the Cancer Alliance's application to have the Interstate 35W bridge over the Mississippi River lit in purple, the designated awareness color for ovarian cancer.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By Glidden

**Approving the month of September 2013 to be recognized as Ovarian Cancer
Awareness Month in the City of Minneapolis**

Whereas, ovarian cancer is the ninth most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, with an estimated 22,200 new cases this year; and

Whereas, in women ages 35-74, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death; and

Whereas, every woman is at risk for ovarian cancer, regardless of age, heritage, or medical history; and

Whereas, diagnosis of ovarian cancer often does not occur until it has reached an advanced stage, making it the most deadly of all cancers of all gynecological cancers; and

Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society, nearly 400 women in Minnesota will be diagnosed this year with ovarian cancer and an estimated 260 women with the disease will die; and

Whereas, because of the late diagnosis, 45 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer die within five years; and

Whereas, ovarian cancer is treatable when detected early. More than 92 percent of women survive longer than five years if the disease is detected and treated properly before it has spread beyond the ovaries; and

Whereas, relatively little is known about ovarian cancer and more research is needed to develop prevention strategies, early detection tools, better therapies, and cures; and

Whereas, women's lives will be saved by raising public awareness about ovarian cancer and educating doctors and women about the symptoms of the disease.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of The City of Minneapolis: That the city officially recognizes the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.